

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 093275

12
ORIGIN EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 DODE-00 PM-04 L-03 SP-02 CIAE-00

INR-07 NSAE-00 OMB-01 NSC-05 /047 R

DRAFTED BY EA/PHL:ASWIFT:EM

APPROVED BY EA:PCHABIB

EA;RHMILLER

S; PBARBIAN

DOD/ISA/EAPR:KWBLEAKLEY

PM/ISO:JSCOTT

EA/PHL:BAFLECK

S/S - MR. ORTIZ

----- 120591

R 162331Z APR 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

CINCPAC

CINCPACREPPHIL

CINCPACFLT

CINCPACAF

CONFIDENTIAL STATE 093275

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: MARR,RP

SUBJECT:MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS

1. U.S. AND PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATING PANELS HEADED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO MET FOR ONE HOUR APRIL 12 IN OPENING SESSION OF U.S./PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. DURING HIS WELCOMING REMARKS, THE SECRETARY STRESSED
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 093275

THAT IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS THE U.S. AND PHILIPPINES WERE

COMING TOGETHER AS FRIENDS TO ESTABLISH A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. HE ASSUMED WE MIGHT HAVE DIS-AGREEMENTS IN THESE DISCUSSIONS BUT THAT WE ARE CONFIDENT PROGRESS WILL BE MADE AND THAT WHAT WILL EMERGE WILL BE PERCEIVED TO BE A MAJOR STEP IN OUR RELATIONSHIP.

3. ROMULO'S OPENING REMARKS WERE VERY GENERAL AND DID NOT LAY DOWN ANY CONCRETE NEGOTIATING POSITIONS. REFERRING TO "NUMEROUS INCIDENTS INVOLVING FILIPINOS, FISCAL ABUSES AND OTHER INDIGNITIES", HE STRESSED THAT THE MILITARY BASES AGREEMENT AND THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT HAVE NEVER BEEN SATISFACTORY TO THE PHILIPPINES AND THAT THIS DIS-SATISFACTION HAS BEEN GROWING. ROMULO STRESSED, HOWEVER,

HE HAD NOT COME "TO ENGAGE IN FUTILE RECRIMINATIONS", BUT STATED "WE ARE NOT ENCUMBERED BY PROVISIONS OF ANY SUBSISTING MILITARY AGREEMENTS". WE MEET, HE SAID, AS "TRUE AND LONGTIME FRIENDS" TO PURSUE "NATIONAL INTERESTS WHICH HAVE CHANGED AS OUR SITUATION HAS CHANGED."

4. THE SECRETARY THEN POINTED OUT FORCEFULLY TO ROMULO THAT THE U.S. OPPOSES THE CONCEPT OF PAYING RENT FOR BASES. WE ARE, HOWEVER, PREPARED TO LOOK AT SOME SORT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE, AND THAT SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS. THE SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN THE CASES OF TURKEY AND SPAIN, AND WHICH WE WILL PROBABLY DO IN RELATION TO GREECE, IS TO MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE BASES ARE THERE FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE. IF, IN THE SPIRIT OF COMMON DEFENSE SOME OF THESE COUNTRIES DO NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO REALIZE ALL OF THEIR OBJECTIVES BY THEIR OWN RESOURCES THEN WE ARE PREPARED TO SEEK A MULTI-YEAR AUTHORIZATION IN THE FORM OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE THAT WILL HELP THEM. IN THAT SENSE, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO THE SAME FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

5. ROMULO REPLIED THAT THE PHILIPPINES FELT IT SHOULD BE COMPENSATED FOR PERMITTING THE U.S. TO USE THE BASES. THIS COMPENSATION SHOULD NOT BE A "SORT OF AN AID OR A DOLE OR A GRANT". IT WAS NOT NECESSARY, HOWEVER, TO CALL THE COMPENSATION "RENT".

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 093275

6. WITH REGARD TO PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGNTY, THE SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT OUR DRAFT AGREEMENT REFERS TO PHILIPPINE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. HE HOPED THAT ONCE THE PHILIPINES HAD A CHANCE TO STUDY THE DRAFT THEY WOULD FIND IT ACCEPTABLE.

7. AT THIS POINT, OUR DRAFT AGREEMENT WAS PRESENTED TO

ROMULO. THE SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT ANY NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE PHILIPPINES WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL BY JOINT RESOLUTION.

8. ROMULO SAID HE WOULD TAKE THE DRAFT HOME, STUDY IT AND PREPARE COMMENTS ON IT. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE NEGOTIATING TEAMS MEET AGAIN IN MANILA IN EARLY JUNE TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS. SECRETARY AGREED TO THIS PROPOSAL AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE READY FOR SIGNATURE IN EARLY AUGUST WHEN HE HOPES TO VISIT MANILA.

COMMENT; OPENING SESSION WAS CONDUCTED IN EXTREMELY CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. ROMULO APPEARED TO THINK THAT NEGOTIATIONS COULD PROCEED RAPIDLY AND THAT NEW AGREEMENT COULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF SUMMER. ROBINSON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AGREEMENT DRAFT, NEGOTIATIONS, MILITARY BASES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 APR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: BoyleJA
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE093275
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: ASWIFT:EM
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760146-0792
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760451/aaaabrnh.tel
Line Count: 130
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: BoyleJA
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <26 MAY 2004 by buchant0>; APPROVED <21 SEP 2004 by BoyleJA>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS
TAGS: MARR, RP, US, (KISSINGER, HENRY A), (ROMULO, CARLOS P)
To: MANILA
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006